IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP NO. 1707 of 2007

DATE OF DECISION: 5.2.2007

Dr.Manpreet Singh Bains and others ....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S. KHEHAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.D. ANAND

PRESENT: Mr. Raj Kumar Malik, Advocate
for the petitioners.

J.S. Khehar, J. (oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that all the petitioners were inducted into the service of the respondents in the years 1998 and 1999 in the regular pay scale assigned to Medical Officers. Despite thereof, learned counsel for the petitioners states, that none of the petitioners has been granted even a single annual increment, as is due to them. On the issue in hand, so as to claim the relief, sought through the instant writ petition, the petitioners are stated to have submitted a representation dated 12.11.2006 (Annexure P-5). It is contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners, that no decision has been taken thereon till date. Learned counsel for the petitioners further states, that the petitioners will be satisfied if the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 i.e. the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, requiring him to take a final decision on the representation submitted by the petitioners on 12.11.2006 (Annexure P-5).

Notice of motion.

On our asking, Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Learned counsel for the respondents states that he has no objection to the disposal of the instant writ petition in terms of the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioners.

In view of the above, without going into the merits of the claim raised by the petitioner, we consider it just and appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition by directing respondent No.3 i.e. the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, to take a final decision on the representation submitted by the petitioners on 12.11.2006 (Annexure P-5) by passing a well reasoned speaking order within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. It would be appreciated if respondent No.3, while passing the aforesaid order, takes into consideration the decision rendered by this Court in Dr.Ravinder Singh and others V. State of Punjab and others (CWP No.7288 of 2006 decided on 11.5.2006) or any other relevant judgment on the point. If the petitioners are found entitled to any monetary benefits, the same shall be calculated and released to them within a further period of one month.

Disposed of accordingly.

Order dasti, on payment of usual charges.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge

(S.D. Anand)
Judge

February 05. 2007.
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